

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 308

INTRODUCER: Senators Bullard and Wilson

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woods	Meyer	TR	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 308 designates that portion of N.W. 7th Avenue between N.W. 54th Street and N.W. 60th Street in Miami-Dade County as "Osun's Village."
- SB 308 designates that portion of N.W. 7th Avenue between N.W. 36th Street and N.W. 79th Street in Miami-Dade County as "African Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor."
- The Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is

located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

- SB 308 designates that portion of N.W. 7th Avenue between N.W. 54th Street and N.W. 60th Street in Miami-Dade County as "Osun's Village". Magic Johnson's Burger King was the first building in Osun's Village to be completed in the African Caribbean style. Prominently situated on the corner of Northwest 7th Avenue and 54th Street, Magic Johnson's Burger King anchors the South gateway entrance to the African Caribbean Cultural Arts and Entertainment Corridor (ACCAC) and is a source of pride for Liberty City. In Osun's Village the color and symbolism integrated into the unique design speaks to the African, Caribbean, and Latin origins of this ethnically diverse community. The exterior pillars of the restaurant are decorated in mosaic tiles that have been installed by locally-based craftsmen as a community arts initiative. The restaurant's walls feature the original art work by area artists installed and curreted by Community Builders Holistic Development Corporation. The present structure was built in 1952 and has served as a beauty salon and bar, continuously owned and operated by area residents. The restaurant and bar is currently known for its delicious grilled Barbecue Chicken and Ribs, as well as authentic Bahamian cuisine. A special feature is the live Bahamian and Haitian Band that provide weekend entertainment. Bold gestured modifications to the parapet along with an expressive smoke stack and outside cooking and eating stay with neon signage and other canopied elements illustrate how the existing activities of The Shantel Lounge can be further enhanced to create an attractive themed dining environment. The new Osun's Village gateway arch will greet visitors at the northern entry of Osun's Village, as pictured looking south. The Cultural Plaza will be a focus of Liberty City. It will feature a new facade treatment and Open-Air Market infill with Greenspace Courtyard for outdoor seating and vending. Bold geometric forms and African and Caribbean influenced Architectural features are the basis for this composition. Established in the 1960's, this facility was the campaign headquarters for the former Congresswoman Carrie Meek's first political campaign. It now serves as the oldest bookstore (est. 1977) catering to the African-American literary interests of Miami-Dade County Residents.
- SB 308 designates that portion of N.W. 7th Avenue between N.W. 36th Street and N.W. 79th Street in Miami-Dade County as "African Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor". Miami offers a special allure to black visitors -- with a rich cultural history that dates back over one hundred years to the time of the city's founding. A plethora of cultural institutions, museums and performance groups dedicated to celebrating the black experience, along with an ever-expanding schedule of entertainment events and festivals all signify a city that embraces its black heritage and is committed to fostering black tourism.
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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designating markers to be \$1600 (\$400 per marker). The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
